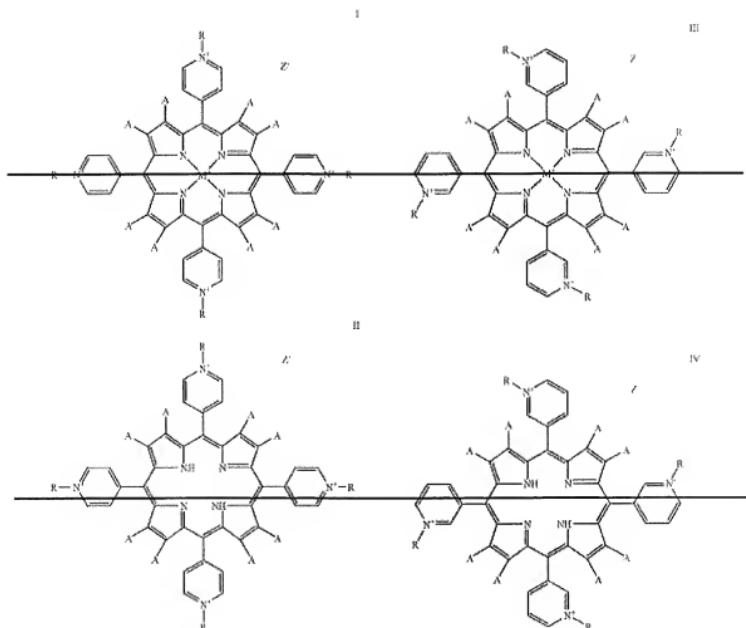


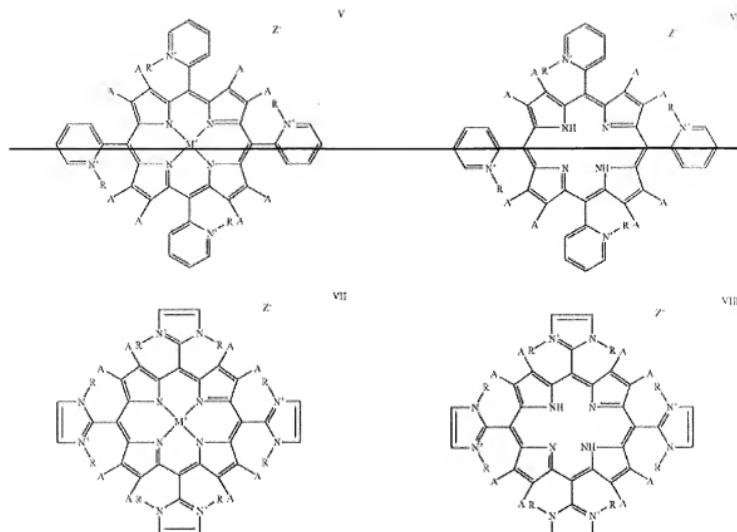
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended). A compound of the formula:





or

when the compound of Formula I-VI, each R is, independently, $-(CH_2)_mCH_2OX$ or $-(CH_2CH_2O)_nX$,

wherein

m is 1-6;

n is 3-50;

X is C_{4-12} alkyl (straight chain or branched);

when the compound is of Formula VII or VIII, wherein at least one R on each imidazole ring is, independently, $-(CH_2)_mCH_2OX$ or $-(CH_2CH_2O)_nX$, the other R being, independently, a C_2-C_{12} alkyl, (straight chain or branched),

wherein

m is 1-6,

n is 3-50,

X is C_2-C_{12} alkyl, (straight chain or branched),

when the compound is any of Formulas I-VIII, each A is, independently, hydrogen or an electron withdrawing group,

M is metal selected from the group consisting of manganese, iron, copper, cobalt, nickel and zinc, and

Z^- is a counterion.

2 (original). The compound according to claim 1 wherein at least one A is halogen, NO_2 or CHO .

3-38 (cancelled).

39 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is of Formula VII.

40 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 39, wherein at least one A is halogen.

41 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 39, wherein at least one A is NO_2 .

42 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 39, wherein at least one A is CHO .

43 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 1 wherein said compound is of Formula VIII.

44 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 43, wherein at least one A is halogen.

45 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 43, wherein at least one A is NO_2 .

46 (previously presented). The compound according to claim 43, wherein at least one A is CHO .